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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2309

**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Members Fletcher and Salas~~
(Principal coauthor: ~~Assembly Member Salas~~)
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V. Manuel Pérez, and Saldaña)**

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2309, as amended, Fletcher. Veterans' Home of California.

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites, and declares that there is in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans' Home of California, Yountville.

This bill would update that provision to declare that additionally there are in the department a Veterans' Home of California, Barstow, a Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, a Veterans' Home of California, Lancaster, and a Veterans' Home of California, Ventura. This bill would provide for the Veterans' Home of California, Chula Vista, to also be known as the "John Smith Memorial Veterans' Home," *and the Veterans Home of California, Lancaster, to also be known as the "William J. 'Pete' Knight Veterans' Home."* This bill would authorize the department to complete any preapplication process

necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for construction of the homes.

This bill would also make other conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1011 of the Military and Veterans Code
2 is amended to read:
3 1011. (a) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of
4 California, Yountville, situated in Napa County.
5 (b) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California,
6 Barstow, situated in San Bernardino County.
7 (c) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California,
8 Chula Vista, situated in San Diego County. This veterans' home
9 shall also be known as the "John Smith Memorial Veterans'
10 Home."
11 (d) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California,
12 Lancaster, situated in Los Angeles County. *This veterans' home*
13 *shall also be known as the "William J. 'Pete' Knight Veterans*
14 *Home."*
15 (e) There is in the department a Veterans' Home of California,
16 Ventura, situated in Ventura County.
17 (f) The department may complete any preapplication process
18 necessary with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
19 for construction of the homes.
20 (g) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the homes
21 are a new state function. The department may perform any or all
22 work in operating the homes by independent contractors, except
23 the overall administration and management of the homes. Any and
24 all actions of the department taken before September 17, 1996,
25 that are consistent with this subdivision are hereby ratified and
26 confirmed, it having at all times been the intent of the Legislature
27 that the department be so authorized.
28 (h) There shall be an administrator for each home or homesite,
29 who shall be recommended by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
30 and appointed by the Governor, and shall be located at that home

- 1 or homesite. The salary for each administrator shall be subject to
- 2 the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration.

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